

MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(3)

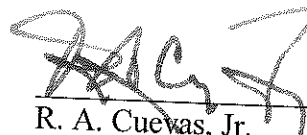
TO: Honorable Chairwoman Rebeca Sosa
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE: October 7, 2014

FROM: R. A. Cuevas, Jr.
County Attorney

SUBJECT: Resolution directing the County Mayor to prepare a report within sixty days containing a possible implementation plan for creation of a ten-mile linear park along the MetroRail corridor consistent with the GreenLink proposal

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and Co-Sponsors Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.



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Please note any items checked.

- ☐ "3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised
- ☐ 6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing
- ☐ 4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing
- ☐ Decreases revenues or increases expenditures without balancing budget
- ☐ Budget required
- ☐ Statement of fiscal impact required
- ☐ Ordinance creating a new board requires detailed County Mayor's report for public hearing
- ☐ No committee review
- ☐ Applicable legislation requires more than a majority vote (i.e., 2/3's ____, 3/5's ____, unanimous ____) to approve
- ☐ Current information regarding funding source, index code and available balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved _____ Mayor
Veto _____
Override _____

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10-7-14

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR
COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT
WITHIN SIXTY DAYS CONTAINING A POSSIBLE
IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR CREATION OF A TEN-MILE
LINEAR PARK ALONG THE METRORAIL CORRIDOR
CONSISTENT WITH THE GREENLINK PROPOSAL

WHEREAS, the Friends of the GreenLink have proposed an initiative to transform various lands underneath the MetroRail right-of-way into a contiguous ten-mile walkway, bike path and linear park, from the Brickell MetroRail Station to the Dadeland South MetroRail Station known as the "GreenLink"; and

WHEREAS, this Board supports the goals of the GreenLink project in that it promotes health and social welfare by providing additional and enhanced recreation and transportation options to the County's residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, the GreenLink will provide a world-class mobility corridor and linear park modeled after successful linear parks such as the High Line Park in New York City; and

WHEREAS, the Green Link would provide for widened, straightened paths, improved crosswalks, and transformation of the existing M-Path into a world-class park space providing recreation options in the heart of the urban core; and

WHEREAS, the location in and around the MetroRail right-of-way means that this linear park will be imminently accessible by mass transit thereby making this an amenity accessible by residents and visitors county-wide; and

WHEREAS, numerous municipalities surrounding or in close proximity to the proposed GreenLink have already endorsed the proposal, including the City of Miami, the City of Coral Gables, the City of South Miami, and the Village of Pinecrest; and

WHEREAS, as the land is primarily MetroRail right-of-way, the County should take a leadership role in planning and promoting the GreenLink project; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 2014, the County Mayor prepared a "Report on a Program to Use the Area Underneath the Metrorail Guideway for a Mobility/Recreational Corridor and Greenway (i.e. The "Greenlink"); and

WHEREAS, this Report outlines the history of the GreenLink project and demonstrates the County Mayor's engagement and commitment to the concept of the GreenLink Project; and

WHEREAS, this Board shares the enthusiasm for this project and wishes that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee prepare an additional report which examines the issues outlined in the July 1, 2014 Report in greater detail, including but not limited to how this project can actually be implemented; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to see an implementation plan prepared by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee which provides more specific information and puts forth in detail how this GreenLink project can be realized, the cost, available funding sources, and a timeline for construction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to provide a report to the Board of County Commissioners within sixty days containing a possible implementation plan for the creation of a ten-mile linear park along the MetroRail corridor consistent with the GreenLink proposal.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Commissioner Jose "Pepe" Diaz and the Co-Sponsors are Commissioner Audrey M. Edmonson and Commissioner Dennis C. Moss.

It was offered by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner _____ and upon being put to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Rebeca Sosa, Chairwoman
Lynda Bell, Vice Chair

Bruno A. Barreiro
Jose "Pepe" Diaz
Sally A. Heyman
Jean Monestime
Sen. Javier D. Souto
Juan C. Zapata

Esteban L. Bovo, Jr.
Audrey M. Edmonson
Barbara J. Jordan
Dennis C. Moss
Xavier L. Suarez

The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 7th day of October, 2014. This resolution shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA
BY ITS BOARD OF
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

By: _____
Deputy Clerk

Approved by County Attorney as
to form and legal sufficiency.



Alex S. Bokor